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SUBJ: MINE WORKERS ISSUE SHARP CRITICISM OF BANZER REGIME

1. NATIONAL MEETING OF MINE WORKERS FEDERATION CLOSED  
AUGUST 29 WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT EXPRESSING  
SHARP CRITICISM OF BANZER REGIME AND CHARACTERIZING  
GOVERNMENT'S "CONSTITUTIONALIZATION" PROCESS AS AN "ELECTORAL  
FARCE." MINE WORKERS, UNDER LEADERSHIP OF FSTMB SECRETARY-  
GENERAL LUIS LOPEZ, ALSO DECLARED THAT COUNTRY'S WORKING  
CLASS WILL NO LONGER ASK RULING AUTHORITIES TO RE-OPEN  
BOLIVIAN WORKERS CENTRAL (COB), BUT WILL THEMSELVES RE-OPEN  
AND DIRECT THAT INSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO  
EXISTING "MONOPOLY OF OPINION" ON LABOR MATTERS. OTHER  
VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED BY FSTMB'S NATIONAL MEETING INCLUDED  
SUPPORT FOR A "GOVERNMENT OF THE WORKING CLASS AND OF  
SOCIALISM", REJECTION OF FSB PROPOSAL FOR  
"FUNCTIONAL CHAMBER" IN CONGRESS TO BE ELECTED IN 1974,  
PLUS CALL FOR FREEING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND GENERAL  
AMNESTY. ECONOMIC DEMANDS OF MINE WORKERS INCLUDED  
GENERAL SALARY INCREASE, NATIONALIZATION WITHOUT COMPENSATION  
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OF BOLIVIAN POWER AND STATE TAKEOVER OF W. R. GRACE MINING

PROPERTIES WITHIN BOLIVIA. POLITICAL DOCUMENT ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING ALSO STATED THAT "THE UNITED STATES LOSES NO OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEMPT TO BRING BOLIVIA TO ITS KNEES, THREATENING US WITH THE SALE OF ITS TIN RESERVES; FOR HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO SUPPORT THIS HUMILIATION, FOR WHICH THERE IS ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE PARTY; THE PRESENT REGIME."

2. COMMENT: FSTMB MEETING DEMONSTRATES ONCE AGAIN THAT THERE IS A LIVELY INTERNAL OPPOSITION TO BANZER GOVERNMENT, AND ONE WHICH DOES NOT HESITATE TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES.  
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